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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : But I hope that commonsense would have prevailed now and that in future there will not be any attempt to burn the National Flag or insult the National Flag in any way.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Sir, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, I have to point out that the law is very strict and no person can be detained in Police custody for more than 24 hours. If, as is admitted, these persons have been kept in custody for more than 24 hours, may I know what action are the Government going to take against those persons who detained them for more than 24 hours? If the Court was not sitting in the Court premises on those days, there are provisions whereby the concerned persons could be taken to the houses of the Magistrates.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, in cases of illegal detention, there is provision in the law for the purpose of getting redress against such illegal detention. Here the circumstances under which they were kept in the Police lock-up have been sufficiently explained.

Cottage industries on paper production

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MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member Sri A. Ratnam is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings. 9-10 a.m.

SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the raw materials required to start a paper mill;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start paper mills;

(c) whether the Government are encouraging any cottage industries on paper production; and

(d) if so, the particulars?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The main raw materials required for the manufacture of paper are—

(i) Any cellulosic raw material such as soft wood, bamboo, eta reed, Sabhai grass, waste paper, rags, tailor's cutting, etc.;

(ii) chemicals like chlorine, caustic soda, alum, etc.;

(iii) other materials like chalk, rosin, etc.; and

(iv) water and electric power.

(b) Yes, Sir. Proposals to start either a newsprint or a rayon pulp plant in the public sector near Bhavanisagar utilizing the bluegum and wattle wood of the Nilgiris are under consideration. Paper industry is generally left for development in the private sector.

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(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned the establishment of a hand-made paper unit at Gandhigram, Madurai district, and it started functioning from 1st May 1956. Proposals for starting similar units at Mudabidri in outh Kanara district and in the Lower Bhavani Project area are under consideration of the Government. The Government have also sanctioned a grant of Rs. 5,000 to the hand-made paper unit at Vennar Bank, Tanjore, and have issued instructions for the purchase of paper produced by this unit for the use of the Government.

Steps for the removal of water scarcity in the City

* 227 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to remove water scarcity in the City of Madras during the months of April and May 1956?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : There was no marked scarcity in April and May 1956. Supplies compared well with the previous two months and the corresponding periods in previous years.

Sri V. K. KRISHNA AYYAR : Since once in a way this kind of water scarcity occurs, will the Hon. Minister see that Madras is not left thirsty before he leaves?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : The question of taking a quantity of five hundred million cubic feet of water from the Araniar Reservoir to the Red Hills Lake for augmenting the water-supply to the City is under consideration.

Sri A. M. RATHNASWAMY : What happened to the scheme for utilizing the Krishna-Pennar waters for augmenting the City water-supply?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : This question should be addressed to my Hon. Colleague.

Construction of an air base in Ramanathapuram district

* 228 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have made any representation to the Centre for the construction of an air base in the name of Katta Bomman in the Ramanathapuram district under the Second Five-Year Plan?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : No, Sir.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether the Government will approach the Central Government now at least to have an air base in Ramanathapuram district in the name of Katta Bomman?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The Government of India have stated in some other connexion that it would not be possible to open any new air base in the near future.

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[a] Expunged under orders of Mr. Speaker Announcement made in the House on 29th September 1956.